

Prayer Concerns

Let us know how we can pray for you. Call the office 303-776-8771.

- + Please note that blue indicates new or change in prayer request
 - + Bob Kaiser-recovering from a heart stent procedure on December 22.
 - + Cork Billings-recovering from bypass surgery on December 19.
 - + Peggy McDonald- recovering from foot surgery on December 17.
 - + Raegan Courtemache-age 12, had surgery December 16 on her right hip, both knees, and her right foot to correct some improper bone growth. Mom is Kristianna Vedvik, and older sister is Reiley.
 - + Alice Cuba-recovering at home from surgery on December 16.
 - + John & Crystal Buck-praise to God for a healthy son, Wyatt Ryan, born December 15.
 - + Mae Katschke-recovering from foot surgery on December 15.
 - + Ed & Diane Broestl-rejoice on the birth of a healthy grandson, Kellen Trent, born to Jeremy & Charlotte Broestl on December 14.
 - + Jason Irvin-recovering from knee surgery on December 11.
 - + Julie Zumhofe-recovering from knee replacement surgery at LUH on December 14.
 - + Dale Jurgensmeyer-recovering from total knee replacement on December 10.
 - + Lis & Allen Schaff family-Lis's father lost his battle with cancer on November 23.
 - + Bob & Karyn Reed-on the death of Karyn's dad, Bob Cottle, on November 29.
 - + For those in our FCLC family-who have lost jobs.
 - + Jon Prout, Eric Smith, Zack Morton, Brandon Lockwood, Ian McCormick, Matthew Parker, Jared Adams, Chris Hassa, Robb Kammerzell, Brent Davis, Ryan Moore, Ramee Opperrude: FCLC members and relatives of members in US military forces: for God's protection; strength for body, mind, and soul.
 - + Matt Brents-in Iraq on a one-year civilian contract: for his safety and God's peace.
- The following families who are battling cancer and its effects:
- + Judy Heller-ongoing chemotherapy every three weeks.
 - + Ken Lowry-results from CAT scan show that the tumors have shrunk; praise & thanksgiving.
 - + Jeff & Kim Bonds family-Jeff's brother, Jerry, battling Multiple Myeloma.
 - + Kathy Cook-for strength and peace for her mother, Eilene, who has lung cancer.
 - + Sharon Kirby-Cole-her son, DJ, battling terminal cancer.

Baptized at Saturday worship:
Ikikuri Tzintzun Raul Garcia-Cairy, son Raul Garcia & Michelle Cairy. Ikikuru's sponsors are Dave & Amy Fiebelkorn. Proud grandparents are Tom & Mary Cairy.
We welcome you into the Lord's family and the family of FCLC.

The Week Ahead at FCLC For updated info: www.fclc.org, Calendar

Sunday, December 27
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Bonfils Blood Drive
8:45 AM WORSHIP
10:00 AM Exodus Tour Tidbits
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM No Sunday School
11:15 AM WORSHIP
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Centro Cristiano
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Cleaners

Monday, December 28
Church Office Closed
7:00 PM Weavers of the Cloth Post Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 29
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Men's "Exodus" Study
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Knitters & Crocheters
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Centro Cristiano

Wednesday, December 30
6:30 AM - 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Library Book Shelving
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
NO Confirmation, WNL, or Sisters in Christ Bible Study
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Cleaners

Thursday, December 31
12:00 PM Church Office Closed
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Centro Cristiano

Friday, January 1
Church Office Closed
New Year's Day
Saturday, January 2
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Worship "Pray & Prep"
5:30 PM - 6:15 PM WORSHIP
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Cleaners
Sunday, January 3
8:45 AM WORSHIP
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM NO Sunday School
11:15 AM WORSHIP
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Cleaners



...are given in loving memory of
Madison Grace Jackson,
granddaughter of Harvey & Marilyn Jackson.

...are given in memory of Dieter Ketelhut;
father of Joy Kotula; loving husband of Ilda;
grandfather of George & Jake.



The Celebration of Worship at Faith Community Lutheran

Before worship, talk to God. During worship, let God talk to you.
After worship, talk to your fellow worshiper.

Here at Faith Community Lutheran...we almost always follow the traditional order of worship familiar to most Lutherans, but usually our services are a "blend" of old and new music. As Lutherans, we view ourselves as a church of "Word & Sacrament." Therefore, "God's Word" is held in high esteem as we follow lessons and sermon with our Bibles open. FCLC is among a growing number of Lutheran Churches committed to celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion every week.

As we are anointed with oil at Holy Communion today, we are reminded that we are all in need of healing in one way or another. Sometimes, it's our bodies that need healing; sometimes it's our feelings that are hurt; sometimes it's our thinking that needs healing; sometimes it's a relationship that is hurting; sometimes it's our faith in God that needs healing. If you wish to share a prayer concern with us at that time, you are more than welcome.

Gathering
Gathering Music
Welcome
Opening Hymn
Apostolic Greeting, Confession & Forgiveness
Song of Praise
Prayer of the Day
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Sat 5:30
Ikikuri Tzintzun Raul Garcia-Cairy

Word
First Lesson
Psalm
Second Lesson
+ Gospel Verse
The Holy Gospel
The Hand of Peace
+ Children's Message
The Sermon
1 Samuel 2:18-26 p377
148 p894
Colossians 3:12-17 p1692
"Away in a Manger"
Luke 2:41-52 p1474
We invite you to learn new names.
Brit Windel
Student Recognition Weekend
Lindsey Moller, Sven Raemer, Mallory Mueller
Hymn of Response
Statement of Faith
Tithes & Offerings
Offertory
Prayers
Victoria Ruiz
Worshippers are invited to share their prayers.

Meal
Words of Institution
Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Anointing with Oil
"Healer of Our Every Ill;" "When Christmas Morn Is Dawning;"
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear;" "Christmas Lullaby;" "He Brings Peace;"
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Sending
Post-Communion Blessing
Closing Hymn
Dismissal
+ Sunday Only
Prayer of Thanksgiving
"Go Tell it on the Mountain"
"Go in peace, serve the Lord..."

If you desire prayer support, two Stephen Ministers will be available at the front of the Sanctuary.

We welcome little children as we worship! In respect for others, you may bring your restless child(ren) to our well-equipped, staffed nursery during the service. Our speaker system provides excellent audio of the service in the Narthex and nursery.
-Thank you

Worship Services
Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

Christian Education
Sunday School for all ages
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
(Closed 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

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First Sunday of Christmas
December 26th & 27th, 2009

Welcome, Guests!
We are grateful that you have remembered the Sabbath to keep it holy.

The Joy of Redemption and Purification
As we end the old year and enter the new, we read three different stories centering on sons. As I read about other peoples' sons, I instantly think of our own. God blessed us with three sons; sometimes a challenge, sometimes a handful, and always the joy and center of our lives. As we take a look at these three sets of sons in the Bible you and I can think of our own children.

The least familiar story (at least to me) deals with Eli the prophet, who had grown very old in God's service. But his sons, regrettably, did not follow in his footsteps. This progression seems somewhat familiar to those of us who watch our children choose paths different than our own. In any case, Eli's sons definitely rebelled against him and his God. They went way beyond the familiar middle or high school "I'll do it myself!" or "Why do you need to know?" rebellion that we all seem to deal with.

Whatever the difficulty, in whatever age, parents try to reason with their sons, and if necessary, rebuke them. In this story, the children don't listen. How very wise Eli was as he told them "If you sin against another man, God may mediate for you, but if you sin against God, who will intercede for you?" But the sons went on in their sin-filled ways. Sometimes parents can get their children to listen, and sometimes we can't. Usually it takes a while for us to gain the wisdom to let God handle the child and the problem(s).

The other are two familiar stories. One of little Samuel, given to God. I don't know that I would have the strength to give my baby to God the way Samuel's mother did. She saw him only once a year. But she kept her promise to God. Could you do that? I don't know that I could. What a strong woman!

Finally, we read the story of Jesus staying at the temple after the Passover celebration. I always have trouble with this story. I understand that Jesus was discussing important religious theology and law with the learned men of the temple. And I assume that this was part of his God-given destiny. But I have to tell you that my mother's ears hear a lot of middle-school smart aleck in his reply to his parents, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" And yes, I hear that his parents did not understand (as I do not), at least for that split second of time; and I know the ending of the story!

God, give me the wisdom, courage and patience to see your purpose in the lives of all our children, always; and help me to listen before I speak. In Your Blessed Son's Name, Amen.
- Sharon Kirby-Cole

The mission Christ gave to all churches...
"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."
--Matthew 28:19

Scriptures for January 2nd & 3rd:
First Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 7-14
Psalm: 147:12-20
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1: 3-14
Holy Gospel: John 1:10-18



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Weekend Worship Servants – December 26th & 27th, 2009

	Sat 5:30 PM	8:45 AM	11:15 AM
Greeters	Claire Danos Scott Snyder	Peggy McDonald Linda Kepler	Ewald & Kathe Schelert
Head Ushers	Claire Danos Scott Snyder	Paul & Natalie James Ed & Ethel Owens	Gordy Wallace
Ushers		The Krantz Men	Jeff Bladt Mark Flowers
Lectors	Brit Windel	Diane Broestl	Jody McClurkin
Communion Prep	Claire Danos Scott Snyder	Harvey and Marilyn Jackson	
Communion CleanUp	Claire Danos Scott Snyder	Jody McClurkin	
Communion Assist	Claire Danos Scott Snyder	Joel & Joan Schell Marv & Joyce Heimbichner	Bob & Yvonne Alm Barry & Jody McClurkin
Children's Church Assistant	---	---	Ann Hovick Shauna Bladt
Acolyte	---	Michael Chaney	Camilla Lee
Nursery	---	Diana Emerson	Donna Smith
Sound	Steve Hansen	Doug Inskeep	Doug Inskeep
VPU	Stacia Keller	Stacia Keller	Stacia Keller
Office Volunteer	Joan Flowers		

Worship Attendance Week 51 December 20 th and 21 st			Treasurer's Report through 11/30/09			
	2009	2008		2009	2008	2007
Sat 5:30	84	62	Budget YTD	\$819,289	\$738,490	\$651,591
Sun 8:45	256	219	General Offering YTD	\$711,101	\$660,920	\$553,683
Sun 11:15	252	277	Expenses YTD	\$695,827	\$657,580	\$565,736
Total	592	558	Needed per week	\$17,187	\$14,438	\$13,376
2009 Average Attendance to date:	537		Received per week	\$14,815	\$13,769	\$11,535
2008 Average Attendance to date:	522					

Do you know someone... who is going through a difficult time? Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a lay-off, divorce, spiritual crisis, recuperation, or depression?



Our Stephen Ministers can provide the support you need. Talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Julie Baas at 303-772-4995 or Janet Streed at 970-785-2332. It's distinctively Christian. It's confidential. It's a great way for us to show you how much we care!

Please let us know if you'd like prayers & anointing with oil after worship. This can be arranged on short notice!! Just tell Pastor Dan.

BONFILS BLOOD CENTER

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, December 27th, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

It may be someone you know (a family member, a friend), or a stranger, but your blood donation will save the lives of up to three people! Walk-ins are welcome! For more information, please contact: MaryLarryKids@aol.com.



Tidbits of Egypt, Jordan & Israel

Sunday, December 27th
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunrise Room 226

Featuring photos, commentary and related Bible passages. Contact Nanette at nanette@fcl.org.

Mission Possible: Lenten Devotional

It's only December, but now is the time to volunteer to write a devotion! We need writers for the 46 devotions to be included in FCLC's own Lenten Devotional. Sign up by January 3rd to write a devotion or two. As in the past, scripture passages and writing guidelines are provided. Please contact Nanette at nanette@fcl.org if you are interested in helping out.

Annual Meeting

Please plan to join us at the Annual Meeting on January 10th, 2010 starting at 12:20 PM (immediately following the 11:15 AM service). The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Cookies and coffee will be served.

Staff and Council Retreat

The church staff and council will be on retreat at the Highlands Ranch Presbyterian Retreat Center from Friday, January 22nd through 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 23rd.



2010 Census Takers - Jobs Available!

The US Census Bureau has asked Faith to let the members of our congregation know that they are looking for part-time employees to help with the 2010 census. If you are interested in this opportunity or know someone who may be interested, please take "the 2010 Census

Job Application Information" found in the Narthex or the Church Office. You may also visit their website at www.2010censusjobs.gov.

2009 Contributions

According to IRS regulations, all contributions for 2009 must be received by the church or postmarked no later than December 31st, 2009. Thank you for your cooperation and gifts!

2010 Endowment Applications

The Endowment Board is currently accepting applications for the 2010 grants. Forms are available at the Welcome Center in the narthex. The emphasis of the endowment grants are on enhancing and extending the life and mission of our congregation, which may include support for: domestic and foreign missions; scholarships; professional staff for special seminars; community projects; and, building expansion or improvements. Completed applications can be turned in to Susan Moller. **Deadline is December 31st, 2009.**

Adult Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsal for the Adult Choir for 2010 begins January 6th at 7:15 PM in the Sunrise Room. NEW MEMBERS are always welcome! Thanks! - Dawn

WACKY Potluck and Program:

"From Hubble to James Webb:
NASA's Great Observatories"



Friday, January 8th, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

- A-K please bring a main dish
- L-Z please bring a salad or dessert

We have an exciting program planned for this event. Our speaker will be Mark Bergeland, who is the Director of the James Webb Space Telescope program at Ball Aerospace in Boulder. The title of the presentation: "From Hubble to James Webb: NASA's Great Observatories." Mark will give an overview of Ball's extensive involvement in the development of the Hubble and James Webb Space Telescopes.

Please enter through the west doors. See you there!

WACKY is a group of folks who are Without Any Children, Kids or Youth at home. We meet quarterly for a potluck dinner and entertainment.



Lutheran Family Services Fundraising Concert

Friday, February 26th at 8:00 PM featuring

Amy Grant at The Paramount Theatre, 1621 Glenarm Place, Denver, 80202.

Tickets to this fundraising event may be purchased in any of these methods:

1. Via the Web: www.lfsc.org OR
2. Call 1-866-461-6556 OR
3. Stop by The Paramount Box Office, Pepsi Center, or
4. Dick's Sporting Goods Park
5. Ticket Prices range from \$40 to \$150.

There are limited tickets available for \$150 which also includes a dessert reception with Amy Grant.

New Bulletin and Newsletter Format in 2010!!!

In an effort to be "green", we are going to try a new bulletin and newsletter format beginning January 23rd and 24th.

We will simplify the bulletin so that it will only include the Order of Worship, Prayer Requests and the Devotional. Please note that there will be no announcements printed in the bulletin!

To off-set this bulletin change, the Faith Communicator Newsletter will be published every other week. The Communicator will continue to be available electronically but will only be mailed to shut-ins. Those who receive the Communicator electronically will continue to be notified via email when it is available on the website. If you do have access to the web, we would like to encourage you to help us in our effort to be green and let us know if we can send it to you electronically.

There will also be hard copies available at the Welcome Center for those who do not have access to the web and for our visitors.

Additionally, we plan to send out the "Faith Quarterly Communicator" four times a year (Lent/Easter, Summer, Fall, Advent/Christmas) via the US Postal Service. The purpose of this publication is to let us know more about the upcoming season. This publication will be in a more general format without a lot of detail.

Announcements (where applicable) will continue to be sent out on "FCLCnews." Sometime early next year, we will install a monitor behind the Welcome Center that continually rotates current announcements.

If you have any questions or comments about this new format, please contact Diana at Diana@fcl.org or call her at the church office at 303-776-8771.